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Revised Article:

HF Call to Action on Forest Health and Wildfire Mitigation

In the wake of unprecedented and catastrophic wildfires, the Hardwood Federation has put together a call to action to inform Congress of the importance of forest health and wildfire mitigation.

To participate in the action alert, please [CLICK HERE](#). Although the 2020 fires season is expected to end, the issue of forest health will not go away once the season has ended. Contact your members of Congress now to prevent additional years of devastating fires.

SBA Offers New PPP Forgiveness Loan Guidance for Smaller Loans

The US Small Business Administration is offering a simpler loan forgiveness application for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans of \$50,000 or less. This action streamlines the PPP forgiveness process to provide financial and administrative relief to America's smallest businesses while also ensuring sound stewardship of taxpayer dollars. [Here](#) is a link to the latest guidance on forgiveness of loans up to \$50,000.

Summary of the State of the Hardwood Sector and the Effects of CoVID-19

Based on virtual regional meeting presentation from September 24, 2020, Hugh Canham, retired professor at SUNY-ESF, prepared the following analysis on how the forest products industry has been impacted by CoVID-19. The article is based on a presentation by Jeff Meyer, President of Baillie Lumber Company and John K. Bartow, Jr., Executive Director of ESFPA. Please follow this [link](#) for the article.



National Forest Products Week October 18-24

National Forest Products Week begins next week, and ESFPA is excited to celebrate our diverse and world class wood supply chain and product manufacturing facilities. Please join us October 18-24 to recognize the forest products industry. This year's National Forest Products Week takes on added significance due to our industry being deemed as an essential business during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic and also in the role of our forests and harvested wood products in the solutions to climate change being worked on by the Climate .

The [wood fiber supply chain](#), (see graphic prepared by the Forest Resources Association), a logistics network that plays a part in making the forest products we all depend on, is strong and sustainable. All parts of the chain, including the landowners, the planters and land managers, the harvesters and transporters of raw wood products, and the manufacturers who transform the product into paper, lumber, and other finished products, contribute to a dynamic wood supply chain. The combined forest products sectors for New York account for 7% of all manufacturing value shipments and 9% of all manufacturing employment. That is something to celebrate. ESFPA will also take time over the week to promote elements of our industry and the forests we support as part of New York's Climate Action Council work. On Monday we will meet with the Agriculture & Forestry Advisory Panel and on Wednesday we will meet with the Governor's office on the role of forests and harvested wood products in addressing climate change. We will be sharing what ESFPA has done to address the forest products industry's most significant challenges and the role that our wood products play in the

PSC Approval of Expanded Clean Energy Standard

[Governor Cuomo announced](#) yesterday that the New York State Public Service Commission approved an expansion of the landmark **Clean Energy Standard** to refocus New York's existing regulatory and procurement structure on achieving the goals laid out in New York's nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, or CLCPA. The CLCPA established a 70 percent renewable electricity by 2030 mandate, setting the State on an ambitious trajectory to a zero-emission power sector by 2040. The expanded Clean Energy Standard gives the state the authority to issue a Request for Proposals for the renewable power generation sources needed to implement this plan. ESFPA has taken exception to the lack of biomass considered in the new Renewable Energy System definition under the Public Service Law, yet today's action codifies this in the CES.

existing and future bioeconomy of New York. ESFPA will champion what we see as exciting and rewarding in what our forests and harvested wood products offer to the state as a whole and the communities that we live in. If you get the chance, please share this as well.

ESFPA Regional Meeting Series

Throughout the last week of September and the first week of October, ESFPA connected with over 150 members who participated in our Virtual Regional Meeting Series.

Each meeting covered annual ESFPA business meeting information, legislative updates, board votes and key speakers. Our speakers included Rob Davis, NYS DEC State Forester, Jeff Meyer, President of Baillie Lumber Corporation, Eric Kingsley of FRA and INRS, and NYS Ag and Markets Commissioner Richard Ball.

Although we did have some technical issues regarding the video taping of each meeting, we do have PowerPoint presentations available on our website and links in this article for [Rob Davies](#), [Eric Kingsley](#) and you can review a [summary of Jeff Meyer's presentation here](#). A PowerPoint for each meeting can also be viewed [here](#).



Log-A-Load for Kids

There is still time for you to support the New York Log-A-Load for Kids Program. To date, our industry here in NY has donated an astounding **\$19,945.92** ! this total is an amazing contribution, considering how the largest fundraising efforts at NYS

Woodsmen's Field Days was cancelled! You can still donate to Log-A-Load or participate in fundraisers! For more information, contact Mark Mowrey at mark.mowrey75@gmail.com or call Mark at 315-725-5378.